

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A raised brake light assembly for motor vehicles, comprising:

a first housing;

a first housing lens closing off the first housing;

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the first housing lens and radiating light outwardly from the first housing through the first housing lens in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing with an opening closed by a second housing lens, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light through the second housing lens outwardly from the first housing in a second direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

~~wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light assembly is arranged in the second housing.~~

2. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly comprises at least one light source.

3. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly comprises at least one of a lens and a reflector.

4. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 3, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly is a component connectable to a part of the brake light assembly.

5. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 14, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light assembly is arranged.

6. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 1, wherein the second housing is detachably fastened on the brake light assembly.

7. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 1,

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comprising a carrier on which the second housing of the ambient light assembly is secured.

8. (currently amended) A raised The brake light assembly according to claim 7, further comprising for motor vehicles, comprising:

a first housing;

a housing lens closing off the first housing;

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens and radiating light in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light assembly is arranged;

a carrier on which the second housing of the ambient light assembly is secured;

a reflector housing secured on the carrier, wherein the at least one brake light is arranged in the reflector housing.

9. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 8, wherein the first housing is secured on the reflector housing.

10. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 7, wherein the at least one ambient light assembly is secured in the first housing.

11. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 7, wherein the first housing has at least one opening allowing passage of rays emitted by the at least one ambient light assembly.

12. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 7, wherein the carrier is provided with fastening elements configured to secure the carrier on the motor vehicle.

13. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 12, wherein the fastening elements are snap-on clamps.

14. (previously amended) A raised brake light assembly for motor vehicles,

comprising:

a first housing;

~~a housing lens closing off the first housing;~~

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens and radiating light in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the brake light assembly is configured to be arranged on a hatchback door of a motor vehicle such that, when the hatchback door is open, light emitted by the at least one ambient light assembly at least partially illuminates a ground surface behind the motor vehicle.

15. (previously amended) A raised brake light assembly for motor vehicles, comprising:

a first housing;

~~a housing lens closing off the first housing;~~

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens and radiating light in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the brake light assembly is configured to be arranged on a hatchback door of a motor vehicle such that, when the hatchback door is open, at least a portion of the light emitted by the at least one ambient light source illuminates an interior of the vehicle.

16. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 15, wherein the light emitted by the at least one ambient light source illuminates a trunk space or a luggage compartment of the motor vehicle.

17. (currently amended) A raised ~~The~~ brake light assembly according to claim 1, ~~further comprising for motor vehicles, comprising:~~

a first housing;

a housing lens closing off the first housing;

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens
and radiating light in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second
direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in
which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light
assembly is arranged;

comprising a common ground contact connected to the at least one brake
light and at least one light source of the at least one ambient light assembly.

18. (currently amended) A raised ~~The brake light assembly according to claim~~
~~1, further comprising for motor vehicles, comprising:~~

a first housing;

a housing lens closing off the first housing;

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens
and radiating light in a first direction;

at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second
direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in
which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light
assembly is arranged;

comprising a common plug connector connected to the at least one brake
light and at least one light source of the at least one ambient light assembly.

19. (currently amended) A raised ~~The brake light assembly according to claim~~
~~1, further comprising for motor vehicles, comprising:~~

a first housing;

a housing lens closing off the first housing;

at least one brake light arranged in the first housing behind the housing lens and radiating light in a first direction;

~~at least one ambient light assembly arranged within the first housing;~~

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly radiates light in a second direction different from the first direction in which the at least one brake light radiates;

wherein the at least one ambient light assembly has a second housing in which at least one of a light source and a reflector of the at least one ambient light assembly is arranged;

wherein the housing lens and a lens of the at least one ambient light assembly are provided on opposite sides of the first housing.

20. (previously amended) The brake light assembly according to claim 19, wherein the lens of the at least one ambient light assembly is smaller than the housing lens.